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To expand crop insurance available to beginning farmers and ranchers, and
for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

A BILL

To expand crop insurance available to beginning farmers
and ranchers, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Whole Farm Crop In-
5 surance Improvement Act of 2018”.

6 **SEC. 2. NONINSURED CROP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

7 Section 196 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement
8 and Reform Act of 1996 (7 U.S.C. 7333) is amended—

9 (1) in subsection (a)(2)—

1 (A) by adding at the end the following new
2 subparagraph:

3 “(D) INCLUSION OF BEGINNING FARM-
4 ERS.—The term ‘eligible crop’ shall include
5 each commercial crop or other agricultural com-
6 modity (except livestock) produced by a begin-
7 ning farmer that is ineligible for a whole farm
8 diversified risk management insurance plan
9 under section 522(c)(19) of the Federal Crop
10 Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1522(c)(19)) due to
11 lack of production or revenue history.”; and

12 (B) in subparagraph (A), by striking “In”
13 and inserting “Except as provided in subpara-
14 graph (D), in”;

15 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
16 section:

17 “(m) ADDITIONAL BEGINNING FARMER PROVI-
18 SIONS.—

19 “(1) ELIGIBILITY.—Notwithstanding any other
20 provisions of this section, the following additional
21 coverage shall be made available to any beginning
22 farmer for up to the greater of the following:

23 “(A) Four years.

24 “(B) The number of years of revenue his-
25 tory required for the farmer to qualify for the

1 whole farm diversified risk management insur-
 2 ance plan under section 522(c)(19) of the Fed-
 3 eral Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C.
 4 1522(c)(19)).

5 “(2) COVERAGE.—Additional coverage shall be
 6 available to beginning farmers under this subsection
 7 up to 75 percent, as elected by the farmer and speci-
 8 fied in 5-percent increments.”.

9 **SEC. 3. WHOLE FARM DIVERSIFIED MANAGEMENT INSUR-**
 10 **ANCE PLAN.**

11 Section 522(c)(19) of the Federal Crop Insurance
 12 Act is amended by adding at the end the following new
 13 subparagraph:

14 “(E) ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATING
 15 EXPENSES.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
 16 sion of this Act, the Corporation may allow ap-
 17 proved insurance providers to use an alternate
 18 compensation structure for the administration
 19 of plans under this paragraph—

20 “(i) that compensates agents based
 21 solely on the amount of time necessary to
 22 write and administer such plans;

23 “(ii) that proportionally compensates
 24 agents for the time necessary to write and
 25 administer such a plan; or

1 “(iii) for crop adjustment claims.

2 “(F) PAPERWORK REDUCTION.—The Cor-
3 poration shall seek to ensure that the paper-
4 work requirements of agents and producers as-
5 sociated with the plan under this paragraph
6 are—

7 “(i) minimized to the maximum extent
8 possible; and

9 “(ii) actuarially sound.

10 “(G) EXPANDING OPERATIONS.—To the
11 maximum extent possible, the Corporation shall
12 ensure that all producers, including producers
13 with an expected revenue from an operation
14 that is greater than 35 percent of the revenue
15 for the previous year, are able to obtain cov-
16 erage under the plan under this paragraph.

17 “(H) COMMUNITY SUPPORTED AGRI-
18 CULTURE REPORT.—Not later than 180 days
19 after the date of the enactment of this subpara-
20 graph, the Risk Management Agency shall sub-
21 mit to Congress a report on the extent to which
22 it would be practicable to offer plans under this
23 paragraph to producers using community-sup-
24 ported agriculture for sales.

1 “(I) PAPERWORK REDUCTION.—The Cor-
2 poration shall conduct activities or enter into
3 contracts to carry out research and development
4 to develop a paperwork reduction policy that—

5 “(i) is only available to operations
6 with less than \$1,000,000 in revenue; and

7 “(ii) streamlines the purchase and ap-
8 proval process to the maximum extent pos-
9 sible while maintaining actuarial sound-
10 ness.

11 “(J) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after
12 the date of the enactment of this subparagraph,
13 the Risk Management Agency shall submit a re-
14 port to Congress on the feasibility of allowing
15 producers, with respect to claims for such
16 year—

17 “(i) to exclude crop year revenue for
18 such year; and

19 “(ii) use—

20 “(I) an average of previous crop
21 years revenues; or

22 “(II) 60 percent of the county
23 average revenue.”.

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